

RESIDENTIAL TIMBER

Clarkson Talks to a Lady Reporter.

M'KINLEY THE FAVORITE NOW

But in Two Years Thomas B. Reed Will Be a Powerful Candidate.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—General John S. Clarkson, who rarely submits to being interviewed for newspapers, has fallen a victim to the wiles of one of the Examiner's Christmas edition lady reporters, and talked of presidential possibilities. General Clarkson thinks that if the convention were held this year McKinley would be the Republican choice, but two years are to intervene, and in the meantime General Clarkson thinks that Thomas B. Reed of Maine, will come forward as a powerful candidate. He thinks Mr. Reed the strongest American intellectual today, and says that he would make a great President. He also spoke of General Harrison, Senator Callum, Robert Lincoln, Senator Spooner, Senator Davis and Senator Allison as possibilities.

A SERIES OF FATALITIES

Three Men Reported Dead and Another's Recovery Doubtful.

SPOKANE, December 24.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Wallace, Idaho, says the Cour d'Alene district was the scene of a series of fatalities this morning. Three men are reported dead and one man is so seriously injured that his recovery is doubtful. The fatalities occurred in the Frisco mine on Canyon creek, near Gen. to which Patrick Sullivan and Frank Smith were taken by a landslide. The landslide killed one of the men, and the other two were seriously injured. The men were at work in one of the slopes, when the timber broke through. They fell five floors. Both men were terribly crushed and mangled, and the wonder is that they did not meet with instant death. Several other men in the mine had a narrow escape. Sullivan is an old timer in Cour d'Alene. The unfortunate accident was entirely unforeseen and it is deeply deplored by all.

MRS. BARNES LIBERATED.

Her Bondsman are the People She Most Injured.

SAN BARNABAS, December 24.—Mrs. S. W. Barnes, in jail awaiting trial for poisoning her husband, was today liberated from the custody of the sheriff upon giving a bond in the sum of \$500 to answer the process of court. Now that Sater, her co-accused, is under guard, having committed suicide, there is no evidence against Mrs. Barnes except her own written confession which is in the hands of the District Attorney. Her principal bondsman are the people she has most injured, her forgiving husband and his mother, Mrs. Sullivan. Upon being released from jail she was escorted by her husband to their former home, where she will live with her children until the day of trial, the 14th of January.

ARMENIAN MASSACRE.

The Sultan Refuses the Request of Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—Secretary Gresham today stated that he had been informed by United States Minister Terrell that the Sultan of Turkey had finally refused the request made by the President that United States Consul Jewell be permitted to inquire into the state of affairs in Armenia and that ended the matter.

State Teachers' Association.

SANTA CRUZ, December 26.—The California State Teachers' Association began a three-day session here today with a large attendance. Educators from all over the state are present. Professor Ellegorger of San Jose, in the annual address made suggestions for the betterment of the public school system. He said as long as politicians controlled the schools they will fall far short of being the best. Professor Houston read a paper on the "School Curriculum." This evening the teachers were given a reception at the Sea Beach hotel.

A Woman Arrested for Burglary.

DENVER, December 25.—Mrs. Riette Pike, a small and inoffensive-looking woman, has been arrested here for burglary. She looted the house of Mrs. Ives and took the plunder to the residence of Mrs. Shaw, a wealthy friend with whom she was staying. She packed it in trunks and then sent it to the depot. Mrs. Pike is the wife of H. D. Pike, who once held a prominent position here, but who is now in California. Mrs. Pike alleged poverty as the reason for the crime.

Life Imprisonment for a Murderer.

MANVILLE, December 26.—William Biant was today convicted of murder and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment. Last October Biant killed his neighbor, William Lemmons, and brutally mutilated his body. The men had been enemies for thirty years. According to Biant's own story the murder was so brutal that the jury could not avoid convicting him, and it was only his extreme age that prevented the death penalty from being inflicted.

Price of Hams Reduced.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—The price of hams has been reduced 1 cent a pound. The market slumped in response to a telegram from Armour to cut to the bone. This is pleasant for consumers but reduces the profit of the dealer to a minimum.

Bookkeeper Seelye Sentenced.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Bookkeeper Seelye, who stole \$350,000 from the Shoe and Leather Bank, was sentenced today to eight years imprisonment.

WILL PUSH MATTERS.

The Courteous Treatment of the Southern Pacific Understood.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—In an interview regarding the visit to this country of Sir Charles R. Wilson to investigate the workings of the Central Pacific for the benefit of English stockholders, who held 65 per cent of the bonds, George Bowank, who is a resident of London and a large stockholder in the Canadian Pacific, said that notwithstanding the courteous treatment Sir Charles R. Wilson has received at the hands of the Southern Pacific, he will push his investigation to the end, and that if necessary the English stockholders will bring the matter before congress and have the Central Pacific treated as the Union Pacific has been—thrown into bankruptcy. At the conclusion of the interview Mr. Bowank said that no more English capital will come to this country. Mr. Bowank's mother is a stockholder in the Central Pacific.

Los Angeles Races.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—Less than 1000 people were in attendance at Agricultural Park today to witness the attempt of Alvin to break his record of 2:03 1/2. In this race failed, going the mile in 2:05 1/2. Directly after the running mate, went against the world's 2-year-old pacer record of 2:03 1/2, but could not break the distance in better than 2:08. Flying Jib sailed so only on the track that he was taken back to the stable without attempting a performance. Great interest centered in the race for all trot between Azote, Nightingale and Klammath. Klammath's best time here was 2:13. This afternoon on a very fast track he beat his record, making a mile in 2:12 1/2. The first and third heats were won by Klammath in 2:12 1/2 for both heats, and the second, fourth and fifth heats by Azote in 2:16, 2:03 1/2 and 2:12 1/2.

THE COMPETING ROAD.

LOS ANGELES BUSINESS MEN ALREADY INTERESTED.

The Trade From the Valley Countries Would Justify the Expenditure.

LOS ANGELES, December 26.—The result of the ultimatum uttered by the citizens of Fresno to the Traffic Association of San Francisco, in connection with the proposed Valley railroad, projected from San Francisco, is awaited with much interest by the merchants of this city. The ultimatum, which will be delivered to Manager Leads of the Traffic Association by the committee of Fresno merchants, sets forth that if it is found necessary to longer have operations to begin from San Francisco that the people of Fresno will be urged to cast their lot with Los Angeles and the southern part of the state, and work for a realty in the Santa Fe system here, and stand in with Southern California for a division of the state. A number of the principal business men of Los Angeles, upon being asked their opinion of the scheme, heartily endorsed the project, believing that the trade which would come to Los Angeles from the counties of Fresno, Kern, Tulare and Kings would justify the expenditure necessary for the construction of the road.

GROVER REMEMBERED.

Penoyer Sends Him a Cordial Christmas Greeting.

PORTLAND, December 25.—Governor Penoyer remembered President Cleveland to-day by sending him the following letter:

"Christmas has again visited our stricken land, with its prostrated industries and its idle throngs, willing, but unable to work and unwillingly forced to beg or suffer. Your presence in Chicago in the winter of 1893, the tariff—then administered, but there is no change in the end condition of our unfortunate country.

"After two years of ruinous delay and mismanagement you have, thank heaven, at last discovered the real trouble, although you have not proposed the proper remedy. As you now concede, the country needs more money; but it does not want the worthless stuff you propose to issue, which it will not accept with which to pay debts, and it does not want bank bags, with which it cannot pay debts.

"Sixty years ago the Democratic party had a President who defied the banks, and intended to pay the people. Had it not been for the Democratic party, the President who defies the people in the interest of the banks?

"All the traditions of the party which elected you are for gold and silver money and against bank currency. Do you intend to turn an example of treason to the cause entrusted to your care which will be without any parallel, except one, in all the annals of American history?

"Your party in both houses favors the restoration of silver as standard money; the people, actually suffering from the existing prostration of business, favors it; and you will not stand with them in overturning the monometallic policy of the British-ruled oligarchy which is fast degrading our fair country to the condition of a subjugated province, and our citizens free people to the condition of financial serfs?

"Always remembering the attempted murder of all our people on our broad land, I pray that God may give you light and strength to do the right."

Tongahs Dispersed.

SHANOWAT, December 27.—The Japanese, after four hours' hard fighting on December 23rd with 6000 Tongahs, suppressed the rebellion at Lai Jun in the province of Hainan, where the rebels had deposed the governor and installed one of their number. The Japanese have also dispersed the Tongahs who defeated the Korean garrison at Collado.

The Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—Wheat, steady; May, 99 1/2; December, 92. Barley—No trading. Corn, 1 1/2. Bran, \$12.25.

Will Rebuild the Cliff House.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—Adolph Sutro says he will rebuild the Cliff House, and has already obtained an architect about plans. The new building will probably be on the site of the old one.

The divorce case of Alvin J. Cushman against D. P. Cushman was yesterday taken under advisement.

LEXOW INVESTIGATION

New York Policemen Continue to Confess.

INSPECTOR WILLIAMS CALLED

He Proves to Be the Toughest Witness the Committee Has Yet Met.

NEW YORK, December 26.—At the Lexow committee today ex-Wardman Shalvey testified that in the Twelfth precinct he had collected \$4600 in nine months from saloon keepers, policy shops and proprietors of houses of ill fame and paid the amounts collected monthly to Captains Webb, Doherty, Eskins and Schultz, whom he also accused of receiving other bribes.

Inspector Williams was then called. Next to Superintendent Byrnes, Williams is considered by New Yorkers as having the best knowledge of every detail of the New York police department. Williams was cool on the stand, frequently provoking laughter by his quiet but rapid replies to Attorney Goff, who led his temper. Williams testified that he was by trade a carpenter, and prior to 1886, when he joined the force, he had charge of the shipyards in China and Japan and was worth \$18,000 when he left the Orient.

Williams accounted for his transactions in real estate and swore positively that he was never directly or indirectly connected with the sale of Hollywood whiskey. The inspector had frequently been accused of having an interest in the company which handled this brand of liquor, and it was stated that by displaying the company's sign in a prominent place proprietors of saloons were protected from arrest or annoyance for violating the excise law. Williams denounced Schmitzberger as a liar, and said he was prompted to lie by the promise of immunity given him by the committee. He met Goff's attacks stubbornly. After seventy minutes of fencing Goff asked for an adjournment until tomorrow morning. A majority of the spectators said Williams was the toughest witness the investigating committee has yet met.

The Missing Steamer Keweenaw.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—The brig Countryford, which arrived here today, reports that she passed Cape Flattery about dusk on the evening of December 7th. The missing steamer Keweenaw, bound for San Francisco, crossed her bow. The wind then was bad, as the big storm was brewing. The Keweenaw showed no lights, and was headed to sea. It was Captain Miller's belief then, and it has been greatly strengthened since his arrival in port, that some of the Keweenaw's machinery broke, and it was unable to make headway. It is thought that the Keweenaw went to the bottom two days later, as no disabled vessel could have lived during the storm.

NEW YORK'S POLICE.

A BRIBE TAKEN FROM A GREEN GOODS MAN.

Today's Session May Be the Most Important of the Committee.

New York, December 27.—The feature of the Lexow committee investigation today was the introduction of evidence to show that Anthony Constock, agent for the Society for the Prevention of Vice, had taken a bribe of \$1000 from a green goods man to procure the dismissal of an indictment against him. Inspector Williams' ordeal on the witness stand was also continued, and the existence of panel houses and a large number of houses of ill-fame in his district while he was captain was shown. He said he found houses of ill-fame there when he came to the district and left them unmolested, "because they were too small."

Goff also introduced the inspector to the knowledge that Japanese law would not have allowed him to own real estate in Hakodate at the time he claimed in his testimony yesterday that he owned property there. The committee will not sit after tomorrow, so a great deal of work will have to be crowded into the day and a night session may be held. Superintendent Byrnes, Inspectors McLaughlin and McAvoy and several others have yet to be examined, so tomorrow's session may be the most important of the committee.

W. F. BAIRD IN JAIL.

He Has Not Given Up Hope of Getting Clear.

W. F. Baird was brought over from Madera last evening and is now in jail here, where he will remain for a short time. He was not receiving visitors last night, but in an interview with reporters in Madera he said that he had not given up hope of getting clear without going to prison. He stated that in case he went to prison for six years he would not let the term short by good behavior. He was asked if he did not think it would be better to deposit the amount of his bonds in the hands of some of his friends, in cash, and then flee the country to which he replied that he did not have the money with which to do so, and would not do so if he could; that in case he had to go to prison, he would take his medicine like a man. He said he had had thousands of opportunities for leaving the country, but had never entertained such an idea and would not.

The street crossings are in a very sloppy condition. A man with a shovel could render the life of the pedestrians more endurable by digging paths through the snow. The crossing in front of the post office is a case in point. The street superintendent will probably give the matter his attention before some honest and respected citizen bugs out of him and is lost.

Professor B. F. Griffith, who has been instructing the young people of Fresno in part singing during the past two months, has left for Chicago. He will be in front of the post office in Fresno at some future time, when he will be glad to carry out his plan of an advanced class of 100 or more to produce an oratorio or cantata.

MT. RAINIER EXPEDITION.

Another Message Received by Carrier Pigeon.

SEATTLE, Wash., December 26.—The following message came to Payallup today by a Herring pigeon sent by the Post-Intelligencer Mount Rainier party: "While crossing Windrop glacier yesterday Major Ingraham made a critical examination of Mount Rainier, by way of which the ascent to the summit was to have been made, and found that the ice and snow was so broken up that an attempt to climb up would have proven disastrous, consequently the summit was not attempted. The expedition has been an entire success. It has demonstrated that while the mountain has been both smoking and steaming, the change is due principally to tremendous avalanches and not to an eruption. The new peak observed from Seattle is a new snow-capped peak and was formed by spiral winds carrying snow and shipping it into the cone-shaped peak of the summit. The party will be home Friday."

San Francisco Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 26.—Five furlongs—Laver, Norles, Three Forks, Time, 1:10. Six furlongs—Experiment Colt, Steadfast, Empire, Time, 1:24. Five furlongs—Charles Quick, Miss Ruth, My Sweetheart, Time, 1:11. One mile—Whitstone, Hy Day, Carmel, Time, 1:56. Five furlongs—Dick Behan, Primada, Comrade, Time, 1:09 1/2.

NOT SATISFIED

WITH THE WAY CLEVELAND IS RUNNING THINGS.

A Crazy Man Interpreted on His Way to Washington to Kill Him.

NEW ORLEANS, December 26.—N. W. Alton of New Jerusalem, Texas, was arrested upon a charge of insanity. He arrived over the Southern Pacific from Houston, Texas, and claims he was not satisfied with the way Grover Cleveland was running affairs, and was on his way to Washington to kill him when intercepted by the officers. He was locked up in a cell last night, which he almost demolished during the night. He tore boards from the wall and did considerable damage. He was almost nude this morning when the officers removed him from the demolished cell to another. Alton claims also that somebody is after him to do him up. In his savings bank he has \$1000, which he is saving to make the sum give up to his treasures.

FRESNO TEAM BEATEN.

Interesting Football Game at Selma.

Last Tuesday the Fresno football team was defeated by the high school eleven of Selma at that place. The score was 10 to 0. This was due to the poor team work of the Fresno boys and the fact that five of the regular team did not play. On the other hand the team of the Selma team was excellent. About 300 persons turned out to see the game, and being mostly Selmaites, they were greatly delighted with the result. Had it not been for Bernhard's sprinting and the good interference of Smith and the star tackling of Parkhurst, Fresno would have been defeated by a much larger score. All the members of the Selma team which played are students at the Selma high school, with the exception of Walter Ferguson of Fresno.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Eleven Candidates for Primary Grade Certificates.

Yesterday morning the regular semi-annual examinations of teachers was begun by the county board of education. The examinations are held of the first class. Examinations for primary grade certificates will be held this week, and the grammar grade will begin next Monday. It is expected that there will be a large number of applicants for the grammar grade certificates. The list of words is a very difficult one. Part of arithmetic was taken up yesterday and will be completed today. Grammar, arithmetic and spelling are the three test studies, and if the applicant fails in either of these he will not pass, although his standing in the other studies may bring his average up above the passing mark.

McDonald-Richter.

At the residence of the bride's parents on Glen avenue in the city of Fresno, on Christmas eve, James McDonald was united in marriage with Miss Olive V. Richter, the Rev. Soren N. Marsh of the Episcopal church officiating. The ceremony was performed in the south parlor, which was elegantly decorated with flowers, festooned with Chinese lanterns, giving soft shades to the room.

There were present on the occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kuman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Maheu, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Richter, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fresh, Miss Elva Maheu, Miss Richter, Rachel Richter, Clara Richter, Minnie Richter, Nellie Brendel, Nellie Richter, Morris, Art Mader, Hiram Richter, Clara Shuler, Lloyd Richter, Fred Leanne, Carl Leanne.

The whole event was one of crowning joy, and having wished the bride and groom a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," the invited guests returned to their respective homes.

J. H. Shamp, the man who slightly outwitted the Fresno race with a pocketknife last Tuesday evening, was yesterday held over by Judge Clark to appear in the superior court. His bail was fixed at \$5.

SPAIN AND THE TARIFF

A Proclamation Imposing Discrimination Duties

TO BE ISSUED BY CLEVELAND

If the Restrictions on American Commerce Are Not Removed in a Few Days.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Unless Spain in a very few days indicate a purpose to remove the restrictions now placed on American commerce with the West Indies, President Cleveland will probably issue a proclamation imposing discrimination duties on West Indies products. If this is done Spain will get the worst of the tariff war, for Cuba and other islands are almost entirely dependent on the United States for a market for their products. The importation of raw sugar from Cuba will be stopped, and Hawaii will reap the benefit.

CAN DO NOTHING HERE.

Sir Charles Wilson Will Go East to See Huntington.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—Sir Charles Wilson, representative of the English stockholders of the Central Pacific, will return in a few days to New York and Washington. He has concluded that he can treat of no important business with the Southern Pacific officials on this coast. He says the railroad officials here are mere subordinates, and he is merely gathering information from sources open to him to form a basis for a treaty with Huntington, and also to get the United States government. He says some solution other than the belly-fundling will must be found for the English stockholders.

Appelman Trial Resumed.

WOODLAND, December 27.—The Appelman trial was resumed today, but nothing of great importance was ascertained from the half score of witnesses examined except that Appelman was looked upon as a man of steady habits and a law-abiding citizen. Several witnesses testified that they had seen him in Sacramento during the hour of 8 and 1 o'clock on July 11th, and the reputation of Cropper, the man who testified that he had handed Appelman a gun over Stokes' bar, was bad.

Ella Stokes Held to Answer.

VICARIA, Cal., December 27.—The preliminary examination of Ella Stokes, charged with assault to murder Will Smith, the Los Angeles Southern Pacific detective, March 5, 1893, in resisting arrest for the Armona station robbery, was held today. The defendant was held to answer on the charge in the superior court, bail being fixed at \$500.

Chicago and Stanford.

LOS ANGELES, December 27.—The football teams of Stanford and Chicago universities arrived this afternoon rather benefited by the journey. Captain Downing of the Stanford team, says that while the Chicago men have shown that they are hard to beat, his team will make a good try for victory Saturday next.

Judge Carter has dismissed the case against Cora Bohannin, who was on trial for the purpose of being sent to the reform school at Whittier.

Good Salary for Ziegler.

SAN JOSE, Cal., December 27.—Otto Ziegler Jr. has become a member of the Fresno team and will receive a salary of \$300 per month. The contract has been signed, and in about ten days other members of the team will arrive from the east and go into training here. In April Ziegler will start east with the team.

A Surprise to Horsemen.

LOUISVILLE, December 27.—Ed Corrigan has wired the Jockey club for permission to start the horse he would arrive at Churchill Downs about the middle of January. Corrigan's intended departure from Bay District track at San Francisco is a surprise as it is only a short time since he shipped his horses there.

The Child and the \$60 Which Passed in the Transaction Recovered.

VICTORIA, December 27.—The steamer Mitchell, chartered by the Provincial police, arrived from West Coast this evening with Arthur Bellingier, the man who sold his child into slavery to the Indians. The child was also secured, and also the exact money, \$60, which passed in the transaction. It is hard to say what course will be pursued by the officers, but some old English law will very likely be invoked.

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THE PETROLEUM PRODUCT

Producers Propose to Minimize the Cost of Distribution.

LOS ANGELES, December 27.—The oil producers of this city hold an important meeting last night to further a plan of systematic marketing of the petroleum product. Incorporation papers will soon be filed of an organization to be known as the Oil Producers' Company, the object being to minimize the cost of distribution of the oil produced and regulate the price. The plan is to market the oil through a common center, contracts for delivering to consumers to be made by the board of directors. Certificates are to be issued to the producers according to the amount of oil they furnish and settlements to be made monthly. The company also contemplates the establishment of a refinery of its own.

A DASH FOR LIBERTY.

A Convict's Accomplish Throws Pepper in an Officer's Eyes.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—Joe Riordan, a burglar convict, made a desperate dash for liberty this afternoon as Deputy Sheriff Riley led him from the county jail to take him to San Quentin. Some unknown man who stood on the curb in front of the jail threw a hard ball of red pepper into Riley's eyes and at the same moment Riordan broke from the officer and ran. Riley fired four shots in the direction of the fleeing convict and his accomplice. The pistol shot attracted the attention of a policeman, who overhauled and captured Riordan, but the pepper thrower escaped.

EX-SECRETARY FOSTER.

He Will Aid the Chinese in Negotiating for Peace.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—John W. Foster, ex-secretary of state, has been requested by the Chinese government to go to Japan and meet the plenipotentiaries of the former government and to aid them in their negotiations for peace. He has accepted the invitation, and sails from Vancouver for Yokohama on January 7th. Foster goes to Japan purely in a private capacity, and has no authority to represent or act for the government of the United States.

Storm in the East.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The new storm from Boston is much impeded by the storm. Street cars and railroad trains are much behind time. In South Boston the wind carried away the roof of the First Baptist church this morning and blew down the big chimney of the Davison Safe Works from points throughout New England there is news of delayed travel and impeded traffic, but no serious casualties. In New York state the snowfall is heavy and trains are blocked, country roads impassable and street car lines stopped in the cities.

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Snatched a Turkey.

G. G. Anderson, better known as "King" Anderson, has had N. N. Nihagan arrested for petty larceny. Nihagan runs a fruit and poultry store on Fresno street. Anderson bought a turkey, and there was a squabble over the change. Nihagan snatched the turkey away from Anderson. They tell contradictory stories.

WARRANT FOR W. F. BAIRD.

Judge Harris yesterday ordered a warrant issued for the arrest of W. F. Baird of Madera. The history of the case is as follows: About three years ago W. F. Baird and John Brown, while officers of the Madera bank, were indicted for larceny by the grand jury of Fresno county. That was before the county was divided. There were seven indictments against Baird and six against Brown. They demanded separate trials. Baird was found guilty on three of the charges in this county. Appeals were taken to the supreme court. While these appeals were pending and while he was out on bail, the county was divided. The remaining suits against him were transferred to Madera county for trial, where one of them was tried and Baird was acquitted. But one of the cases in the supreme court still hung over him, and it was yesterday affirmed. Under the terms he will have to go to prison for three years.

The note on which the conviction was secured, and which the supreme court has just sustained, was one purporting to have been made by H. S. Williams and G. J. Wron, and was for \$450. There were many other forgeries laid to the hand of Baird, aggregating, it is said, more than \$70,000.

Baird will be lodged in the Fresno jail for thirty days and then will be taken to the state prison at Madera yesterday. He was bitterly disappointed at the turn of affairs. He fully expected that the supreme court would sustain his appeal, and he believed that, if he secured a new trial, he would not be convicted by a Madera county jury.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

The highest award conferred on this peerless preparation, is a fitting accompaniment of the laurels won by the women of America.

ADULT BLIND HOME.

Investigation Shows That Inmates Are Well Cared For.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—Investigation of the recent charges made by Coogan, Nelson and Gillen against the Adult Blind Home in Oakland has been made. The two men said to have been neglected and refused food when ill deny it and say that they never said so. The priest who attended Donovan before death says that the patient was well cared for and never complained of neglect. The testimony shows that Ivel, who died December 11th and was alleged to have been neglected in his last hours, was attended at midnight and by the watchman every few minutes till he passed away. The foregoing facts were testified to by twelve witnesses. The charges alleged have originated with few inconsiderate inmates who are opposed to the discipline of the institution, which forbids drunkenness and vulgar language on the grounds and compels good order.

TWO MINERS INJURED

By an Explosion in the Golden Gate Mine.

SOSOMA, December 27.—George Johnson and William Whippy, miners engaged in the Golden Gate mine, were injured by an explosion of giant powder in the 700 foot level at 1:30 this morning. A round of eight shots had been put in and it was believed all had exploded. The men returned to the drift an hour after and were at work putting in timbers when a shot went off. Johnson was blown into the shaft and fell a distance of twelve feet, fracturing several ribs and being badly injured about the head. Whippy was blown into the timbers in the shaft, where he hung in an unconscious condition until rescued several minutes after. It is believed that Whippy will die from his injuries received. Flying rocks cut his head and neck in a fearful manner.

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**THE EDITORIAL BOARD**

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**RIGHT OF WAY OBTAINED**

**Electric Power Will be Established  
at Three Points on Merced  
River.**

SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—Will H. Mills of the Southern Pacific company was interviewed today by one of the young ladies of the Christmas dinner staff. He confided to her fact that the construction of an

the railroad from Merced to Yosemite valley is an assured fact. "The capital stock will be \$2,500,000," said Mr. [redacted], "and will be taken for most part by Chicago capitalists. The right of way from Merced to Yosemite has been [redacted]. The engagements for rental of electrical power for use of taining at [redacted] on the road and for machinery at [redacted] have already exceeded \$100,000 per annum. Power is to be established at [redacted] points on Merced river. The road

On a broad gauge, and will serve that line for freight and passengers like ordinary railroads. The Pacific Improvement Company will take the contract for the construction of the line."

**Killed His Wife's Tormentor.**

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—James Houston, a laborer on a ranch near Ukiah, this county, was shot and killed last night by Ralph Sigert, his ranch laborer of whose young wife Houston was enamored. Houston employed her to elope with him, but refused, and Houston was threatening her with a gun when Sigert intervened on the scene. Sigert gained possession of the gun and fired the fatal shot.

**Death of a Pioneer.**  
 KLAN, December 24.—A. D. Starr, proprietor of the Starr flouring mill at Clinton, died here this afternoon in his 44th year. Deceased came to California in 1840, and had been a resident of this island for thirty years.

**N OBNOXIOUS 'TAX.**  
 TA ROSA PROPERTY OWNERS REFUSE TO PAY IT.

**Waterworks, Depot and Many  
 Fine Residences Sold by the  
 Marshal.**

STA ROSA, December 24.—There is considerable excitement here today over the sale of delinquent tax property as a result of refusals on the part of delinquent property owners to pay the taxes. The court recently held to be by Judge Han of Napa. Marshal man gave them all until 11 o'clock of their taxes and then proceeded to sell the property they paid up, but the \$30,000 worth was sold. Among property sold were the Santa Rosa stores, depot, tracks and yards of San Francisco & North Pacific rail road and many fine residences in the city. J. H. Brush, president of the Santa Rosa National bank, at the water works, depot and other property. Other prominent owners were E. M. Spencer, W. G. Filtz, C. Kelsey and A. M. Haines at Francisco. It is expected that with one more interesting litigation will end the sale of this property to marshal.

**THE COAST ROAD.**  
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 SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—H. E.  
 Kingston of the Southern Pacific said  
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of twenty-three and one-half feet and one-half mile in length. In this bridge and one-half miles there are 1,000 steel girders on concrete abutments with spans of 120 feet and at Santa Fe river there will be required steel spans, each of 180 feet, for the crossing of the river. The work of construction of this bridge is very considerable and will require some time in April to complete it, at which time a steel bridge will be rapidly added on the masonry abutments, and track completed into Gadualpe a day thereafter.

arrested him to make light of order.

Continue the Investigation.

Yonk, December 24.—Dr. Parkersburg will continue the investigation of the police until he has depoyed the police.

Intendent Byroee. He says Satan's will not soon think of asking Satan's to the reorganization of hell as Byrnes to reorganize the police ment.

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## DISCONTENT AND ITS CAUSES.

We are often—very often—told that a discontented people are a progressive people, and that content means stagnation. Perhaps this is the true philosophy, and if so we have abundant reason to rejoice for the spirit of discontent prevails and its gospel is preached from every street corner and cross-roads in the land. But who is there among those who have crossed life's summit and are descending the western slope who has not a sigh for the days that are gone when the people had little and were contented and happy?

So rapid has been the evolution of conditions in this country that the memory of the man who has lived on the crest of the mountain runs back nearly to the time when the modern wants of the people in farming communities were nearly all supplied from the varied products of the soil and their own hands, while life in the village and town was scarcely less simple. The products of the farm were exchanged for the wares of the village shopkeeper, and money transactions were the exception rather than the rule. With money enough to pay taxes, keep up the supply of vehicles and farming implements, to buy school books for the children, and the material from which the "best" clothes were made for Sunday wear, the average farmer and his family were happy and contented with their humble lot, and with industry and thrift few there were who did not enjoy the substantial comfort of life as it was then lived. Of luxury they knew nothing and for them cared nothing. The era of discontent and progress had not yet dawned, and the mortgage upon the homestead had not yet come to lift the farmer out of the narrow rut in which his life had run and give him access to those speculative channels where men and millions go whirling in mad confusion.

The farmer of forty years ago would have put a mortgage of \$100 on his farm with more reluctance than the farmer of the present decade would feel in mortgaging his farm for three-fourths its value. Forty years ago the old homestead had not been turned over to alien tenants and the owner had not moved to town to enjoy the "advantages." It was then the home of the man who owned it and tilled its soil. To him his homestead was a sacred place. He loved his home and his country—he was unprogressive in the modern sense, unworldly, and happy.

We speak particularly of the changes of sentiment and conditions in the agricultural districts, for there are the changes most pronounced. There did contentment reign supreme, and there has it most completely given place to the "progressive" discontent which pervades all classes and conditions of people.

And what has wrought so great a change in the sentiment of the people of the greatest republic on the earth in so short time? That is the question which nearly everybody has asked, and a very great many people have answered in so many ways that it is difficult to say that they are all right. We, too, think we know something of the causes which have changed a contented to a discontented people. The causes we see are not these which are most commonly pointed out by those who seek to cure all the evils that befall the people and haste their onward march to Utopia, but it does not necessarily follow that they shall not be reckoned among the real causes.

The primary cause of popular discontent as we see it in modern inventions and the social and financial revolution caused by their introduction. The railroads, the telegraph, the telephone, and labor-saving machinery of a thousand kinds, opened up a field for the investment of capital and the accumulation of great fortunes which has had no counterpart in any country in the world's history. In the vast, unoccupied field which this country afforded for the introduction of these gigantic enterprises immense fortunes were made as by magic. All values acted in sympathy with the rising tide of development, and land and mines and every sort of enterprise and industry became the arena of speculation in which the smallest operator vied with financial giants in the wild scramble for wealth—wealth unearned, and undreamed of by any preceding generation.

Such conditions were infectious, and men who, like their fathers before them, had been contented and happy with the meager but certain returns of plodding industry, now followed the plow or stood at the anvil in angry discontent with their lot, or abandoned these callings to join the restless throng seeking a short cut to fortune in other channels. The dread mortgage became suddenly popular, and the old homestead was plundered and the proceeds of the transaction were invested in stocks, in lots in Boom Town and lands in the untrodden west which promised to treble in value every twelvemonth.

The result was inevitable. Some men succeeded, as some men always do, but the many failed, as the many always do, and when the natural reaction came and the struggle began to leave something from the wreck, the era of discontent which dawned under the elvish rain-bow of bright promise continued under lowering skies, and dark forebodings took the place of smiling hope. Many had grown rich, and those who had not felt that in some way they had not been treated fairly. The spirit of envy and dissatisfaction had been given vigorous life, and it lives today, and will without cause, for the evil of what will be known in American history as the great speculative era not only poisoned the minds of the people, but it has reached the government itself and contaminated its highest places.

Another and an aggravating source of popular discontent is the propagation upon American soil of ideas foreign to our republican institutions, or for that matter to those of any existing government. The propaganda of social socialism would lead the people to believe that our present system of government is a criminal failure, not because of abuses which the people have permitted to grow in its administration, but because its principles are fatally defective. Communism is the slitherbolt of the new disciples of discontent, and the competi-

tion of individualism is the alleged destroyer of human success and happiness against which they are directing their campaign. The Utopian ideas advanced by these theorists are a prolific source of discontent, and what is of still greater significance to those who have the welfare of the republic at heart, they are causing a great many worthy people to dissipate their energies in fruitless attempts to accomplish the impossible, when they are needed in the work of reforming and perfecting the institutions handed down to us by the immortal patriots who founded the republic.

When will the people be again contented? That is indeed a difficult question. Not until some of the evils have been remedied for which they themselves are responsible, and that will not be accomplished until they have ceased to reach after the unattainable, and have set themselves earnestly to the task of making a better government upon the lines laid down by the fathers of the constitution.















